

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HIRANO et al.

Application No.: **10/784,986**

Filing Date: February 25, 2004

For: NOVEL LYSINE DECARBOXYLASE
GENE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING L-LYSINE

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Gebreyesus, Kagnaw H.

Attorney Ref. No.: US-109

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents

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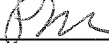
Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to June 16, 2006.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or ☐ our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

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